लुम्बिनी के विकास के लिए वित्तीय सहायता हेतु नेपाल सरकार का अनुरोध

1612. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल** : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नेपाल सरकार ने गौतम बुद्ध की जन्मस्थली लुम्बिनी के विकास के लिए वित्तीय सहायता देने की मांग की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) नेपाल सरकार के इस अनुरोध पर सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री माधवसिंह सोलंकी) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) भारत सरकार ने संग्रहालय परियोजना के लिए दो करोड़ रुपये का अंशदान किया था। यह रकम भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण ने अदा की थी और इसकी अदायगी पचास-पचास लाख की चार किस्तों में की गई थी। अन्तिम किस्त नवम्बर, 1989 में अदा की गई थी।

एक और प्रवेश द्वार के खोले जाने के लिए नेपाल का अनुरोध

1613. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :**

डा० बापू कालदाते :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नेपाल ने भारत सरकार से पश्चिम बंगाल की उत्तरी क्षेत्र में एक और प्रवेश द्वार खोलने का अनुरोध किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में भारत सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है;

(ग) क्या अन्य पड़ोसी देशों ने भी इसी प्रकार के अनुरोध किये हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनके अनुरोधों पर सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री माधवसिंह सोलंकी) : (क) और (ख) जी हां। नेपाल के प्रधान मंत्री की हाल की भारत यात्रा के दौरान इस मामले पर सामान्य रूप से चर्चा हुई थी। तथापि, न तो किन्हीं विशेष सुझावों पर चर्चा हुई और न ही इस मामले में कोई निर्णय लिया गया।

(ग) जी हां।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Pressler's observations about Pakistan's Nuclear Capacility

1614. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports that U.S. Senator, Mr. Larry pressler, during his recent visit to Pakistan in January, 1992 had confirmed Western reports that Pakistan possessed nuclear devices; and

(b) if so, what are the details of Mr. pressler's observations and what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Government have noted these press reports and the remarks made by Senator Larry Pressler in his press conference in Pakistan on January 13, 1992.

(b) Senator pressler had observed that the US Government had made a determination that Pakistan had nuclear weapon capability and possessed a nuclear device which it could use. He called upon the Pakistani Government to take steps to publicly dismantle its nuclear bomb and its nuclear capability.

Government continuously monitor all developments affecting India's security and national interests and take appropriate measures for safeguarding the same.

Supplying nuclear reactor to Pakistan by China

1615. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report published in the 'Indian Express' of 4th January, 1992 to the effect that Pakistan has been supplied a 300 megawatt nuclear reactor by China;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the deal was signed between Pakistan and China after the recent visit of Chinese Prime Minister to India;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard; and

(d) what steps Government is taking to safeguard the security of the Country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have taken note of the positions expressed by China and Pakistan that the 300 MW nuclear power plant to be supplied by China to Pakistan is to be used for 'peaceful purposes' and that it will be fully covered under the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). China and Pakistan have been made fully aware of Government's concern regarding Pakistan's clandestine nuclear programme.

(d) Government keep under constant review all developments having a bearing on India's security and take appropriate measures to safeguard the national interest.

Permission to foreign ships to visit India

1616. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to allow only certified foreign warships without nuclear weapons on board to visit India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of foreign warships with nuclear weapons on board have visited India so far and the reasons for according permission to them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) In accordance with Government policy which has been made known to the foreign Governments, we do not allow foreign warships known to carry nuclear weapons to visit Indian ports.

Food aid for Russia

1617. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 47 nations had given food aid for Russia as reported in the Pioneer of 25th January, 1992;

(b) whether Government had joined in this group specially since